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Avila celebrates Homecoming 1981

by Mark Johnson

Homecoming 1981 is only a week away. Many activities will highlight the three day celebration that runs from October 2-4.

Among them is the play "Starting Here, Starting Now", a campfire and cookout, volleyball with Missouri Valley, and soccer with arch-rival Rockhurst.

Other activities include the film "Going in Style", the Homecoming Dance, and the Homecoming Talent Show on Sunday night.

A lunchtime pep rally in the dining room will start things rolling on Friday. That night those attending can choose from the film or the play. Following these events there will be a cookout and campfire on the field by Wornall Rd.

The women's volleyball team will start things off on Saturday morning when they play Missouri Valley in Mabee Fieldhouse at 11:00.

After lunch comes the year's biggest soccer match when the Avalanche plays Rockhurst. The game should

draw soccer's biggest crowd of the year. Starting time is 1:30 p.m.

Ramada Inn will be the site for the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night from 9:00-12:00. There will also be another performance of "Starting Here, Starting Now" at 8:00 Saturday night in Gopfert Theatre.

On Sunday morning at 9:30 there will be an Alumni mass followed by a brunch in Marian Centre.

Things will come to a close on Sunday night with the Homecoming Talent Show

sponsored by the Avila Music Association. The show will begin at 7:00 in Marian Centre.

It will be a full three days with something for everyone at Homecoming 1981.

Grab a partner and plan to trip the light fantastic at Avila's Homecoming Dance. The event which is sponsored by the dance committee, will be held Saturday, October 3 from 9 p.m. - 12 a.m. at the Ramada Inn located south of Grandview on Highway 71. Admission is free to all, and attire is semi-formal.

Homecoming Calendar

Friday, October 2

12:00 Homecoming pep rally
7:00, 9:00 SUB film, "Going in Style"
8:00 "Starting Here, Starting Now"
9:00 Homecoming campfire & cookout

Saturday, October 3

11:00 Volleyball vs. Missouri Valley
1:30 Soccer vs. Rockhurst College
8:00 "Starting Here, Starting Now"
9:00 SUB Homecoming Dance

Sunday, October 4

7:00 Avila Music Association
Homecoming Talent Show

Coachlite hosts SUB skating party

It's time once again to grease those wheels. Tonight there is a rollerskating party at Coachlite skating center for Avila students from 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The party originally scheduled for tomorrow night was moved to tonight because of scheduling conflicts.

Since it is sponsored by the Student Union Board there is no charge for admittance or skate rental. Student I.D.'s are required and the limit will be the first one hundred to come.

Coachlite is located just off I-435 at the Roe Blvd. exit.



Lisa Gerard and Kelly Yates take a break from their classroom studies and move outdoors while the weather still permits. (photo by Kathy Hall)

Avila gains new staff

by Nancy Burnor

Avila College employed four new full-time instructors this fall along with four instructors who had previously been teaching here at Avila part-time. The new full-time instructors are Patricia Anido, Paula Burress, Marie Hauber, and Michael Smith. The former part-time instructors, now working full-time, are Linda Huber, Kathleen Meagher, Judith Roling, and Judy Warbeck.

Patricia Anido is an instructor in the Department of Nursing. She received her Master of Science in nursing from West Virginia University. She was previously employed as a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Paula Burress is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Business and Economics. This native of Tennessee graduated from UMKC with an MBA in accounting, and had previously worked with Touche Ross on the tax staff.

Marie Hauber attended the University of Kansas and received a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology. Before becoming a Med. Tech. instructor in the Department of Natural and Allied Health Science and Mathematics, she was on the staff as a Med. Tech. at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Currently a student working on his masters program at the UMKC School of Nursing, Michael Smith is an instructor in the Department of Nursing. He received his Bachelor of Science in nursing from Texas Christian University and was previously employed as an instructor in Pediatrics Nursing at St. Luke's Hospital.

One of the former part-time instructors is Linda Huber, now a full-time instructor in the Department of Nursing here at Avila. She graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with a Master of Science in nursing.

Kathleen Meagher, an instructor in the Department of Education/Psychology, is a graduate of Avila. She was an Education Specialist from UMKC and received her Masters in Special Education from Central Missouri State University.

Another instructor in the Department of Nursing is Judith Roling. She attended the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and graduated with a Master of Science in nursing.

Judy Warbeck is also now a full-time instructor in the Department of Nursing. She graduated from UMKC with a Master of Science in nursing.

Changes coming in loans, federal, state programs affected

by Mark Johnson

On October 1st there will be several changes in the Guaranteed Student Loan programs.

Dependent students whose parents earn over \$30,000 yearly will now have to show need to receive a loan. The same basic requirement will apply to independent students.

Currently financial need is not a requirement to receive a loan.

The only requirement is that students must be enrolled in at least 6 hours per semester. The school then certifies this to the lending

institution.

To apply for a loan the student must first fill out an Avila Financial Aid Application and then a loan application. The processing time for the applications is 4 to 6 weeks.

Students do not have to start repaying the loan until they have been out of school for 6 months or drop below the six hour mark. Until then the government pays the interest on the loan in addition to guaranteeing its repayment.

Current interest rates for student loans are running between 7% and 9%. Recipients have a maximum of ten years to repay the loan.

Dependent students can receive up to \$2,500 per academic year. The maximum for independent students is \$3,000 per year. Graduate students can receive up to \$5,000 per year whether they are independent or dependent.

There are two student loan programs. One is known as the Federal Insured Student Loan while the other is known as the Guaranteed Student Loan. The FISL is sponsored by the federal government while the GSL is sponsored by the states.

For additional information contact the financial aid office.

Quilting Exhibition

by Mary F. Scalisi

Thornhill Art Gallery, located in Whitfield Centre, is presently hosting a quilt exhibition from Mid-America entitled "I Quilt".

What exactly is quilting? According to the encyclopedia it is "a form of needlework in which two layers of fabric over an interlining are sewn together." It requires

patience and attention to minute detail.

Since it has been practiced for hundreds of years, it has undergone variations in its history like other forms of human endeavors. For example, patchwork-type quilts were the norm until the appliqued quilt became popular.

The exhibition will run through Friday, October 9.

Editorial Notebook

A divided opinion

Today's electronic calculators can do just about anything under the sun. Some are even powered by the sun. They add, subtract, multiply, divide, memorize, tell time, and play musical tunes. No, they don't serve as kitchen sinks — yet.

Calculators do many things for us. Some of the things they do for us are good and some are not so good.

Anyone who has had midnight encounters with income tax forms can attest to their value. At least the numbers will wind up in English if nothing else on the form does. There are also special checkbook calculators to figure out that you are overdrawn \$200.00. Not everybody wants that kind of good news.

In a similar vein there are "credit-card sized" calculators. Yet how many people use credit cards and calculators at the same time?

While many calculators were content serving bill payers and checkbooks, others were not. Before too long they began to explore new frontiers.

Some decided they wanted to be musicians and timekeepers. That was no real problem since we always have taken to new gadgets and gimmicks in our society.

Others turned "preppy" and found homes on college campus throughout the country. They have become an indispensable tool to student procrastinators, ranking alongside junk food and soap operas.

Unfortunately, there were a few that still weren't satisfied. They moved down to the younger age brackets. Now remember most college students already know basic mathematic concepts. Not that many younger people do.

The first group to be hit were the high schoolers. Many calculators were warmly received. The less homework the better, right?

Then came the most serious problem. A few calculators slipped by the defenses down to the grade school level. Children that were just learning to read figured out they didn't have to learn to add or subtract. Their parents didn't know how so why should they?

A teacher recently asked one of her first graders why he didn't turn his homework in. He said, "My battery in my calculator went dead."

Millions use calculators. Millions forget that calculators like people can make errors. The cause can be anything from short circuits to dampness in the air. They were brought though to make our lives a little easier so we go ahead and trust them. It's one less thing we have to think about. We are trading in a Ferrari for a lemon.

Some things just don't seem to add up.

Al Pacino, Burns star in upcoming films

by Denise Kaufman

Academy Award nominee Al Pacino gives one of his finest performances as Bobby Deerfield, a Formula One race car driver who encounters several brushes with death while racing on the grueling Grand Prix circuit. This rigorous lifestyle causes Deerfield to become hostile toward others. His attitude changes after he meets a beautiful young woman who teaches him about love and the value of life. "Bobby Deerfield", a fast paced romantic adventure film will be shown on September 25, at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the Marian Centre Lounge.

Veteran actors George Burns, Lee Strasberg, and Art Carney team up in the film "Going in Style", as three senior citizens who find themselves having difficulties making ends meet with small social security checks. The trio resorts to robbing banks as a solution to ease their financial problems. "Going in Style" is a heart-warming funny film which will be shown in the Whitfield Conference Center

on October 2, at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.

Christopher Reeve comes alive on the screen as everyone's favorite comic hero in "Superman—The Movie". In the film Reeve portrays the Man of Steel who lives under the alias of Clark Kent, a mild-mannered reporter who works for the Metropolis Daily Planet. Throughout the film, Kent vies for the affection of co-worker Lois Lane who is wonderfully played by actress Margot Kidder. Marlon Brando, Gene Hackman, Glen Ford, and Jackie Cooper are featured to help Superman bring truth and justice to America. "Superman—The Movie", a spectacular blockbuster of a film, will be shown on October 9, at 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the Marian Centre lounge.

A. A. Milne's storybook character Winnie the Pooh will face several mishaps in Walt Disney's animated feature "The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh". This lively cartoon film for all ages will be shown on October 16, at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the Marian Centre lounge.



"Oh well, must be love"

Lori Beckwith, James Wright, and Laura Magruder featuring in "Starting Here, Starting Now" opening September 2.

"Starting Here, Starting Now" opens next Friday in Goppert Theatre

The Performing and Visual Arts Department combines the talents and energies of the Theatre and Music Divisions in the contemporary musical revue, "Starting Here, Starting Now". It will open October 2 in the Goppert Theatre.

Written by Richard Maltby, Jr. and David Shire, this musical revue brings to Goppert's stage the dynamic power of Broadway Musical Theatre. Many popular vocalists have readily taken to the songs of "Starting Here, Starting Now" such as Barbra Streisand, Roberta Flack, and Pearl Bailey to mention just a few.

Daniel Larson, musical director, and Richard Pond,

director-choreographer, have worked closely with James Blackwood, technical director, to weave music, song and dance with lights and design into the dazzling, vibrantly colorful and often humorous moods of love and romance.

Offering their energy and talents to the show's musically and lyrically sophisticated songs are Lori Beckwith, Laura Magruder, Phil Fiorini, and James Wright.

"The music demands dance as it is impossible to sing the songs without moving," said Laura.

Faculty, staff and students of Avila College are, again this year, invited free to the opening night performance October 2. Faculty, Staff, and Students may reserve their V.I.P. (complimentary) ticket, one each, by calling extension 289 or 942-9408, or stopping by the Goppert Theatre box office.

Meet the Ambassadors

Avila Ambassadors is a group of twenty-five selected students working with the Admissions staff to enhance the promotion and presentation of the campus to prospective students.

Several activities include workshop, tour-giving, or guest housing. These include times for festivities and times to develop new friendships.

Responsibilities include working one hour per week as a volunteer for the Admissions office. This time may be used to plan meetings, make posters, telephone or write letters to prospective students, or coordinate campus visits.

For more information, contact Kathleen Calvert, ext. 203, in Admissions of lower Blasco. See if you can't serve yourself in developing contacts, professional skills and campus visibility while serving others as an Avila Ambassador.

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Letters to the Editors are always welcome.

New York, New York!

There is still time to sign up for the New York Fine Arts Tour in January. The tour begins on Tuesday, January 5 and ends Sunday, January 10.

Students taking the tour will receive one credit for either the fall or spring semester. AR/ST 025 is the course number.

The approximate cost is \$650.00 plus personal expenses. Interested persons should contact Dr. Louis at extension 289 as soon as possible.

Human Resources Center Offers services and counseling

by Nancy Burnor

Are you searching? The Avila College Resources Center can help you. It offers such services as personal counseling, career planning, placement services, health services, a college skills center, plus various workshops and groups.

Their personal counseling service can help to develop greater self-awareness and self-respect, help you adjust to any changes, and help you control your own life. Their

professionally trained counselors will help you to discover more about the real you, and help you cope with any situations or times that may be difficult.

If you are worried about school, your career, or your future, their career planning can be of service to you. It can aid you in finding where your interests lie, your strengths and weaknesses, values, and help you set your life and career goals.

Through the placement services, you may find full-

time, part-time, or summer employment through posted job listings. This service not only helps to find employment, but helps you to prepare your resume and interview techniques.

If you are feeling a little under the weather or experiencing physical symptoms which could be related to stress, the health service can help to evaluate, deal, and refer you to the proper medical assistance. Preventative health approaches are also taught through this service.

The college skills center can be of help to many students who feel their study habits need improving. This service can help to develop vocabulary and efficient note taking and study techniques. They will also help to improve reading comprehension and test taking skills.

Assertiveness, career decisions, stress, weight control, human sexuality, and college life are a few of the topics covered through the workshops and groups. You can share your feelings with other members of the group and maybe offer any advice that may help them.

This counseling service is not limited to only heavy problems, nor will it make decisions for you or tell you what is right or wrong. Counseling is the art of helping normal people deal with everyday situations, decisions or issues, and through this process helps you achieve your potential of becoming a more effective and happier person.

The Human Resources Center is located in the lower level in Blasco Hall, and is opened from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, or to receive counseling, you can call (816) 942-8400, ext. 266. All counseling is confidential and free.



Cynthia Sandlfer and Mary Poston work on the routine before tryouts.

Pom-pon Squad chosen

by Nancy Morales

Tryouts for the 1981-82 Avalanche Pom-pon and Yell leader squad were held September 11, at two o'clock in the fieldhouse.

The candidates were judged on a cheer with a double stunt at the finish. They were also scored on a jazz routine.

The new members chosen were: Karen Marco, Mona Mendoza, Arleen Portell, Mary Poston, and alternates, Cynthia Sandlfer and Rose Byrne.

Those chosen will round out the existing team of Amy Cooperider, freshman; Nancy Sullivan and Terri Thurnau, juniors; and senior squad members Marge Kuhn, Jim Giglione, Kevin Collins and

John Higgins.

The leaders will be attending all the sporting events this year to cheer on the athletes.

"We really want to support the teams and we hope a lot of the students come out and help," said Terri Thurnau.

This summer the group attended a spirit camp at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. They were taught new cheers and routines.

"We learned a lot this summer at camp and we're looking forward to a good year" concluded Terri.

The squad was awarded Spirit sticks on two separate days for their enthusiasm in learning the new material.

Volleying in intramurals

by Phil Fiorini

Serve yourself some fun with the Avila Intramural Co-ed Volleyball Tournament starting October 6 and finishing November 5. Playing time are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Six person teams must consist of three men and three women on the court at all times and substitutions follow accordingly.

The Tournament is open to Avila faculty, staff and students. Students who have played college varsity volleyball in the last two years are ineligible to play. The Tour-

nament champions will be determined by the teams' seasonal record. Trophies will be awarded to the winning team members.

Sign-up your team now by filling out a registration form in the Office of Student Life. Deadline for team entries is Wednesday, September 30.

For more information about the Tournament contact Phil Fiorini or Kelley McQuillan, Avila Intramural Program Assistants, in the Office of Student Life, ext. 226.

Neither Bjorn Borg or John McEnroe could make it. The

Business on the rise

by Carolyn Seiter

In this day and age, many students are looking for a course of study that gives them a solid base plus room to expand that base into a specialized area. The Business Department at Avila is one place to find such a course of study.

Dr. Neil McNeil is head of the business department and thinks that the number of students who have declared majors in business is on the increase for that reason. Dr. McNeil estimates that close to forty percent of full time Avila students are anticipating majoring in the business field.

Dr. McNeil feels that the trend toward business degrees is not only present at Avila but is indicative of what is occurring nationwide. With so many students graduating with business degrees, one would begin to wonder about job placement and job availability. The majority of students Dr. McNeil had kept in touch with after graduation have had little problem finding employment.

For those students who are interested in extra-curricular activities involving the business field, the Avila campus lends itself to two organizations. The Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) is one organization. The other group is the American Marketing Association. The Avila College chapter is the only student chapter of A.M.A. in the Kan-

sas City area.

The last five years have brought new programs to the business department and more additions are in the making. A graduate program was introduced three years ago. According to Dr. McNeil, the department is very happy and very pleased with the response to the program. More than one hundred twenty students are enrolled in the Masters of Business Administration program. Dr. McNeil said that not only are Avila students taking advantage of the graduate program but people who graduated from other colleges and are working in this area come to Avila for the masters program.

Also instigated three years ago is the Legal Assistant program. The legal assistant works mainly with business dealings of a law firm. Recently the legal assistant program at Avila received approval from the American Bar Association. The approval was gained through work by the Legal Assistant Advisory Council headed by Katherine Kelm.

With money from the Title III grant, the business department will initiate an internship with area businesses. The program is still in the planning stages but will probably work like most college co-op programs where the students alternates semesters of working and going to school.

A DAY OF PRAYER

The College Committee of the Diocese of Kansas City-Saint Joseph is sponsoring *A Day of Prayer for a Life of Service*. It will be held at the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, 1409 East Meyer Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri (333-4320) on Sunday, November 1st, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Opportunities in Scriptural and Centering Prayer are available for those who are eighteen or older. For information call:

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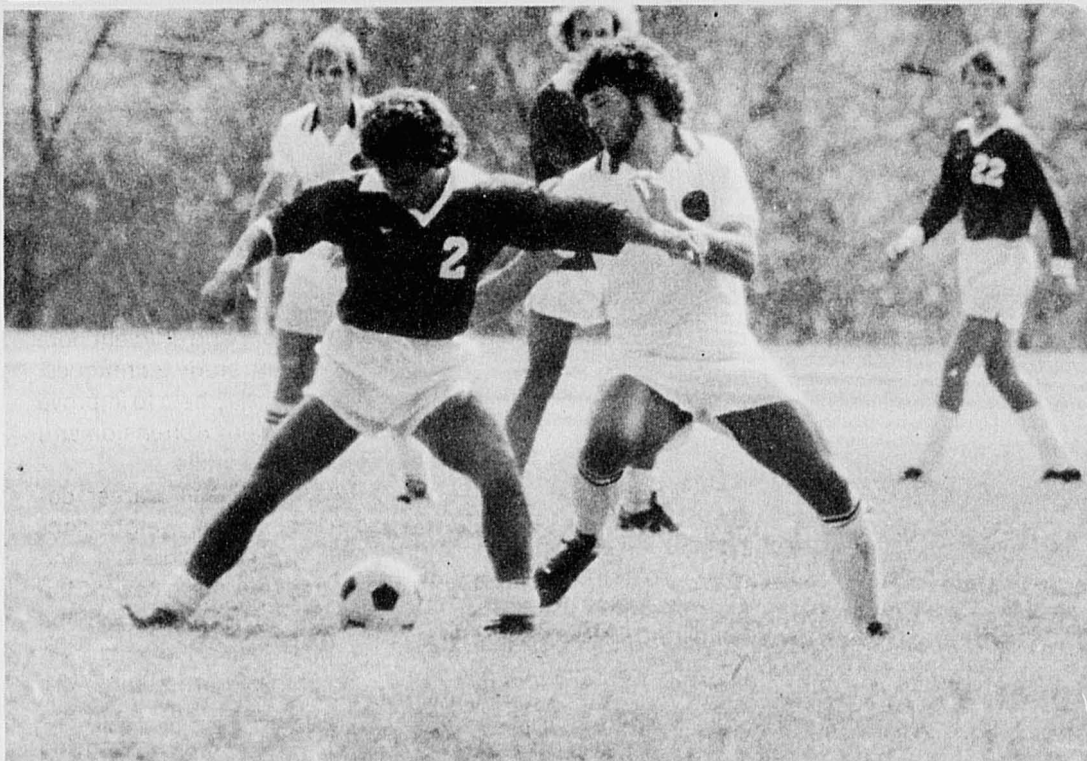
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John Purpura battles a Northeast Missouri State player for the ball. Avila not only got the ball but the victory as well.

Avila shuts out Park 2-0 Schrick stars with 2 goals

by Mark Johnson

Joe Schrick kicked his way onto center stage with a pair of second half goals to lead Avila past Park 2-0.

Avila took charge early on but couldn't score in the first half. The Avalanche had 11 shots on goal while Park had only 3.

Schrick scored his first goal on a pass from Jack Tracy with 28:32 remaining. His second goal came with only 2:08 left in the game. Mike Auck lined up for an indirect goalkick and passed off to Schrick who netted the ball for his second score.

Anthony Christian picked up his second shutout this season in Avila's goal.

Avila sailed right into rough waters when National Champion Quincy came to town. The Avalanche weathered the storm well but still came up short 1-0.

The defense held throughout the first half and limited the Hawks to only four shots on goal. Quincy's score came with only 20:55 left in the game.

Tom Zahner made a spectacular play with only seconds left when he dived be-

hind goalie Anthony Christian for a save against a Hawk 2 on 1 play.

Avila came into the game off a 2-1 double overtime loss to Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville) the previous day.

Tom Bromeir scored Avila's lone goal midway through the second half on an 84 yd. assist from goalie Anthony Christian. It took everybody by surprise, especially SIU's goalie.

Goals from Neil Madigan and Jack Tracy gave Avila a 2-1 win over Maryville for

their second victory of the season.

Their first win came against Northeast Missouri state 3-0. It was the defense's turn to shine as they allowed only three shots on goal the entire game.

Jack Tracy and Joe Schrick combined on all three Avila goals. Tracy scored the first two goals with both assists coming from Schrick. Schrick then scored the last goal with the assist coming from Tracy.

Avila plays Bartlesville Wesleyan today at 4:00 at home.

Comets visit Avila

The Kansas City Comets indoor soccer team will zoom into Avila on Wednesday, September 30 at 8:00 p.m.

The Comets will have a chance to prove they're more than just a group of fancy feet as they take on students and faculty in a basketball game.

An indoor soccer match against Avila students will follow the basketball/volleyball action.

At the completion of the

soccer game, fans will get a chance to meet and talk with the Comets players. Among the players will be Avila alumnus Dan Daily.

This summer Daily signed with the Comets. In his final playing year for the Avalanche he made the NAIA All-American soccer team.

The night's activities will be in Mabee Fieldhouse. The fifty cent donation for admission will go to the Crittendon Center.

From the Bench

Living alone among many

by Mark Johnson

She sits alone in the stands, surrounded by thousands. Her life at the games is one of emotional solitude.

To her the score is unimportant. It became that way years ago as did her acutely developed senses. For her attention is not focused on the game. It is focused on one of the players, her husband.

His is a position of team leadership. Being such it is also a position the fans focus on.

When the cheers come she no longer smiles. She knows the boos and jeers for her husband are not far behind.

True to the pattern they soon come and she feels them as deeply as the one on the field.

At times she wishes he had a regular job. One that wouldn't send him up and down on an emotional roller-coaster every week. There wouldn't be the endless explaining to the two daughters why the people were mad at their father.

The children no longer went to the games but they will saw him on television.

It never seems to get any easier for any of them. Maybe last year was the hardest when he had his leg injury. Since then he never has regained his old form. Only his instincts and experience

keep him playing. Only his heart keeps him from quitting.

She knows though that one day soon he will lose a little of that heart and the experience will be good only for a memory.

When that day comes it will bring silence for many.

The fans will hail him and then forget him as they find a new player to lavish their "affections" on. He will have many major decisions to make without the free "advice".

Beside him will be his wife. To her the silence will be the best sound she has heard in a long, long time. To her it will be golden.

Varsity volleyball off to impressive start

by Nancy Morales

Avila's volleyball team went into the match against Harris Stowe and Southwest Baptist with a 2-2 record. They came out of the match four games later with a 4-2 match record.

Harris-Stowe first fell to Avila 15-3 and 15-11. The Avalanche then dispatched with Southwest Baptist 15-11 and 15-6. In the final game Lori Slyter served the last 12 straight points for Avila.

Two days earlier the Avalanche rolled right into a triangular match with Missouri Western and UMKC. Avila came into the match with a 2-0 record.

The girls met with a towering Missouri Western State College team. Though sparked by net play from Sue Cromford, the Avila squad was unable to overcome an early game deficit. The final score was 6-15.

The second game of the set against MWS was a well

fought battle highlighted by outstanding serving from Avila team member Deb Divers. The score tied off and on on five separate occasions and finished with a 17-15 Avila victory.

Early game ties characterized the third and deciding match. MWS took the initiative and pulled away to take the game and set at 11-15.

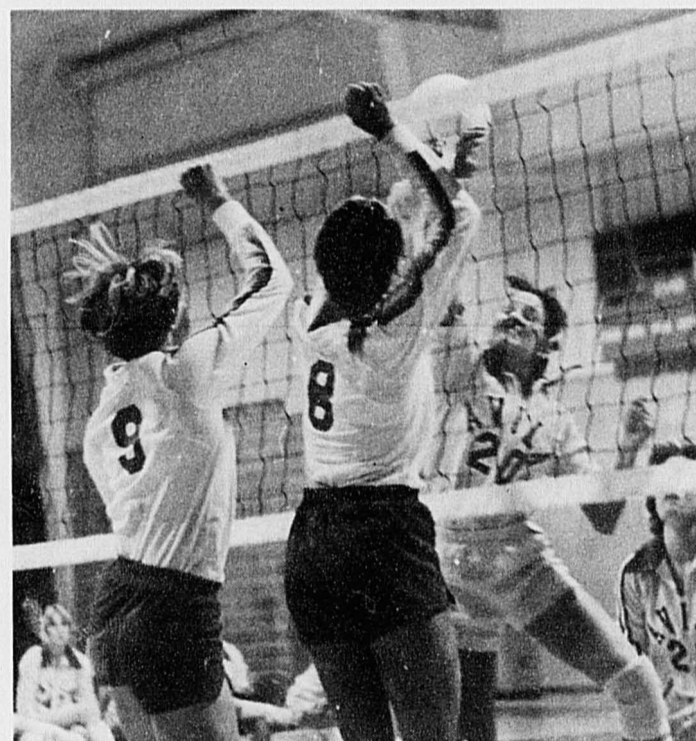
Coming off the loss, Avila took the court against the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

UMKC shot into the lead and the Avila squad was unable to challenge it. The game ended at 15-7.

In the final match of the night UMKC used an effective straight-set spike play to stymie the Avalanche at 15-5.

The losses moved the girls' game record to a respectable nine and four.

The team will take to the court tomorrow in a tournament hosted by UMKC.



Lisa Werth goes against a double team from UMKC.

Senior Lisa Werth packs powerful punch

by Mark Johnson

The old saying goes big things come in small packages. Area volleyball teams that have played against Avila's Lisa Werth can attest to that.

At only 5'3" she is one of the team's smallest players. She is also one of their biggest hitters. Her great jumping ability gives her the element of surprise. It comes in handy when she goes up against players 4 or 5 inches taller than herself.

Coaches Ron Van Fleet and Pam Sloan have nothing but praise for the senior co-captain. Van Fleet calls her very consistent and a great player to coach.

Even more impressive than her volleyball skills is her academic ability. The math major currently has a 3.89 grade point average. Lisa

says she doesn't have much free time between studying and volleyball.

She played varsity volleyball at O'Hara High School in her sophomore year and at Raymore-Peculiar High School in her senior year.

Lisa says she plays volleyball for a number of reasons. One is the variety of people she meets. Another is the break it gives her from schoolwork. With a little gleam in her eye she says she loves to go out and "kill the ball" after being in class all day long.

Perhaps the two main reasons are the challenge and enjoyment she receives from playing.

After watching her play one can easily see that she enjoys the game. One has to wonder though if the game of volleyball is challenging to her or if she is challenging to the game.